

AITR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Dru Urquhart.

Old Business:

Jenny Rette reported that we raised \$6800 for the Drive One For Your School on September 11. We had 340 drivers – it was the largest turn out Mullinax Ford has ever had! She suggested that we might flip-flop this fundraiser and the Pancake Breakfast next year. She also made some notes about making the day run a bit more smoothly – such as more shaded areas and checking the college football schedule to see if there is a big game on our fundraising day.

The first Hexmester Challenges went well. We had 1-3 judges per group. Judges remarked that they enjoyed the presentations. It was suggested that we get the challenge notes and rubrics out to the judges early so that they have time to review before the presentations. Some of the business partners/judges may be interested in mentoring with the students during their challenge preparation. We can also give the judges information so that they can log onto TechOnline to view the challenge specifics.

New Business:

Fall Fundraisers include a Pancake Breakfast at Aunt Catfish Restaurant on Saturday, October 9 from 8-10 a.m. Students are supplying the materials and will volunteer at the event. Each student is asked to sell 5 tickets.

There will be a pot luck dinner on Thursday, November 4. Details will be forthcoming.

We will sell watches at Homecoming Carnival and maybe at a couple of the Pop Warner football games. They sell for \$20 each.

RoboFest will take place on December 11. There are different levels of sponsorship which include names of donors in programs and on t-shirts.

The AITR Board and the AOF Boards have split.

New By-laws will be discussed. They will not differ much from the past. Ellen Spradley will forward a copy of the old ones to all board members

The Ford Connection/Mentor Program with area businesses and Ford might be done via skype. Mentors are needed for project execution – guiding students in the right direction. This might take 1-2 hours per week and can be done via e-mail communication as well. School volunteer application forms were distributed to those present. Melanie Wilson will track the volunteer hours for all AITR volunteers. Members from Ford PAS will be here for the next challenge presentations – we need to be sure all students are ready to WOW all of the judges. There may be some students from ERAU to help in mentoring if we can coordinate the schedules.

ERAU will be holding its Engineer's Week in February, 2011 and would like our students there to help. Robotics Week will take place in early April, 2011.

Internships may be available during the summer for rising seniors.

Subsequent Board meetings will take place on either Mondays or Wednesdays. The date of the next meeting will be announced and all Board members will be notified.